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<i>Inventor:</i>	Gore et al.	}	
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<i>Examiner:</i>	Yelena G. Gakh, Ph.D.	}	

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-145

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Reply. No new matter is sought to be entered by way of these amendments. The extendable due date for response to the instant Office Action, under a three-month shortened statutory period, was January 27, 2009. Applicants herewith request a three-month extension of time to file the instant Response, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the small-entity extension of time fee of \$555 to Barnes &

Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73780. In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2008, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **3**.

Remarks begin on page **16**.